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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

OI et al.

Appln. No.: 09/421,322

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Title: DIELECTRICALLY SEPARATED WAFER AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING THE SAME

August 22, 2000

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached European Search Report, dated June 30, 2000, in a foreign counterpart application not more than three months ago. See that Report for the degree of relevance (category) of each document and for the particular passages cited therefor.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early Action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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